

the case, in which this act and the special matter may be given in evidence.

Sec. 15. *And be it enacted*, That in case it shall become necessary, at any time hereafter, to levy a direct tax for the support of Government, or to sustain the public credit, the same shall be laid according to the thirteenth article of the declaration of rights, including all goods, wares, and merchandise belonging to citizens of this State, ships and vessels in or out of port, moneys at interest on mortgage, bond, or any chose in action, stock and public securities of every description, and all income derived from shares of every incorporated institution or otherwise, as well as every other description of property, real, personal or mixed, which escapes taxation under existing laws; and the faith of the State is hereby pledged to lay the same accordingly in consideration hereof, and to provide for the payment of interest, and the reimbursement of principal of debts to be created in virtue of this act, or of debts which may be created at any subsequent legislature; and all acts or parts of acts in contravention of the constitutional and equitable principles herein contained shall thenceforward be repealed, abrogated and annulled.

Sec. 16. *And be it enacted*, That the 7th section of this act shall not be construed to require of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company payment to this State, of interest on the stock by virtue of this act subscribed for in said company, except such as shall accrue from and after the expiration of three years from the payment to the said company of each instalment on said stock.